

Status of JLC 2022 Initiatives – as of March 14, 2022

<i>Initiative Number</i>	<i>JLC Recommendation</i>	<i>VSO</i>	<i>Budget Item or Budget Amendment #</i>	<i>Bill Number and Patron</i>	<i>Status/Next Steps</i>
JLC 2022-01 <i>Suicide Prevention among SMVF</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve funding and corresponding legislation to create a dedicated SMVF coordinator position in the Virginia Department of Veterans Services to continue to unify efforts in this area; build on efforts to identify, screen for risk, and refer to resources; to research, study and provide timely data on actual method/cause of suicides in the Commonwealth; to help roll out an online training tool for front-line providers; and to continue to build public awareness in this area.	AMVETS	HB 30/SB 30 Item 470 \$145,833 FY23 \$175,000 FY24 1 FTE	HB1203 (Delegate Tata) NOTE: similar bills HB403 (Willett) and HB1186 (Brewer) were left in House Public Safety	Passed House and Senate (HB1203ER) Budget Bill (HB30) in conference
JLC 2022-02 <i>Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include “Died in the Line-of-Duty”</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation that extends the real estate tax exemption for the surviving spouses of military service members who die while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America to include those whose deaths were found to be “ <i>within the line of duty</i> ,” as determined by the Department of Defense.	MOAA	N/A	HB957 (Delegate Tran)	Passed House and Senate (HB957ER)
JLC 2022-03 <i>VSO Color and Honor Guards</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly amend §18.2-433.2 to grant an exemption to Veteran Service Organizations performing authorized color guard activities such as parades or dedication ceremonies and honor guard activities such as funerals or dedication ceremonies as well as the teaching, training, and practices necessary to achieve and maintain a level of professional proficiency.	MCL	N/A	House Bill 17 (Delegate Fowler) Senate Bill 618 (Senator Stuart)	Passed House and Senate (HB17ER) Passed House and Senate (SB618ER)
JLC 2022-04 <i>Increase GF Support for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse Burial Fees</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$300,000 (GF) to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services so that the spouse burial charge may be eliminated at Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries, and that Virginia work with Congress to secure the funding (in the VA budget) to extend the VA plot allowance to spouses at all state veterans cemeteries nationwide.	FRA	HB 30, Budget Amendment Request 471 #1h (Guzman)	HB1044 (Delegate Guzman)	HB1044 Left in House Appropriations Budget Amendment Request not included in House budget

JLC 2022-05 <i>Promote Hiring of National Guard and Reserve Members State</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve \$50,000 to create a grant program to incentivize small to medium-sized Virginia employers to hire members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.	VaA/ANGEA		HB290 (Delegate Freitas)	Continued to 2023 in Finance by voice vote
JLC 2022-06 <i>Virginia National Guard State Park Admission</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly grant free or reduced price admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.	VNGA		HB487 (Delegate Helmer)	Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources
JLC 2022-07 <i>Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and that this amount be adjusted every five years to account for inflation.	VNGA		HB233 (Delegate Orrock)	Left in Appropriations